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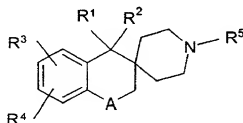
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(57) Abstract: A tricyclic compound of Formula (I): wherein: R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen or hydroxy; R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen or hydroxy; or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together are oxygen; A is a bond, CH<sub>2</sub>, CH, CH<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>2</sub> or C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are the same or different and are hydrogen, halo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, NO<sub>2</sub>, COR<sup>6</sup>, COOR<sup>6</sup> or NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, wherein R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are the same or different and are hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl or benzyl; R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl, (O=C)-C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl, (O=C)-C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenyl, (O=C)-C<sub>3-6</sub> cycloalkyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl and cycloalkyl groups can be substituted by 1, 2 or 3 groups selected from halo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl, phenyl or substituted phenyl, and salts thereof, are particularly useful for treating, among other indications, neuropathic pain and other CNS disorders.